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CIA Postpones Local Interviews

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Joseph Goodwin, assistant to the director of the Central Intelligence Agency, denied yesterday that CIA interviews scheduled for Brown students yesterday and today were cancelled because of a planned sit-in and rally. The interviews were postponed, he said, because there was no "convenient" federal space available for the interviews.

(Earlier, the CIA had decided to move off-campus the recruitment sessions scheduled for Brown undergraduates partially as a result of a demonstration held on October 31 when 18 students blocked the passageway to the office at 90 Waterman Street where CIA interviews for graduate students were to be held.)

Speaking from Washington, Mr. Goodwin, who claimed that he did not know why the facilities in the federal building in Providence were unsatisfactory, said the CIA will contact those students who had originally signed up for the interviews to make arrangements for future interviews. He said he did not know where these interviews would be held.

Robert F. Cohen Jr. '68, president of the Campus Action Council, expressed doubt over the CIA's stated reason for choosing to postpone

its interviews. Adding that he did not believe the CIA enjoys the publicity it has recently been attaining, Mr. Cohen said the CIA postponed the interviews to avoid a demonstration and sit-in and the news exposure which usually follows.

Both President Ray L. Heffner and Lyman B. Kirkpatrick, professor of political science and a participant in a forum held on November 16 to discuss the CIA, stated yesterday that they were not consulted by the CIA before the decision to postpone the interviews was made. Dr. Heffner added the University played no part in making that decision.

James W. Gurll Jr. '48, a field personnel representative for the CIA who operates out of the Boston office, told the HERALD yesterday campus recruiting is not the most important facet of the CIA's recruitment efforts. Adding that he does not believe that a placement office is always the best area to conduct interviews, Mr. Gurll claimed campus recruiting is performed for the convenience of the student.

A participant in the earlier confrontation at 90 Waterman Street, Mr. Gurll said he believes any student sincerely interested in working for any branch of the federal government has many

possible courses to follow to express this interest, including contacting the placement office, writing to Washington, D. C., seeing professors "such as Mr. Kirkpatrick" who know something about the government's operations.

David Kertzer '69, corresponding secretary of CAC, called the postponement a "positive victory" for the campus peace organization. Stating that it seemed "peculiar" to postpone the interviews after they had been earlier arranged, he expressed disbelief when told CIA could not find adequate



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